

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2007 and a telephone conference with the Examiner on March 2, 2007 to clarify the Office Action since the Office Action Summary was in error. In the Office Action, claims 14-22 were allowed and claims 27-30 were noted to contain allowable subject matter, but were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

With respect to claims 27-30, Applicants have amended the preamble of claim 27 to include the limitation that the computer-executable instructions are stored within the computer readable medium and, when executed by a processor, cause the operations outlined in the claim. Applicants believe that these amendments overcome the outstanding §101 rejection and place these claims into condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the outstanding §101 rejection of claims 27-30 is respectfully requested.

Collectively, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102 & 103. Although Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because *prima facie* cases of anticipation and obviousness have not been established, Applicants believe that further discussion as to the allowability of these claims is moot since these claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

Withdrawal of the outstanding §102 and §103 rejection is respectfully requested .

Conclusion

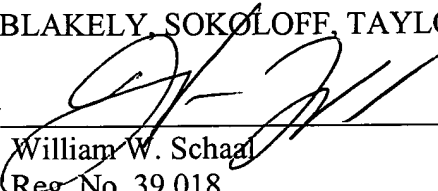
Applicants respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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